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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/SE00/00066, filed January 14, 2000.

Please amend this Application as indicated.

## **IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure that is provided on a separate sheet.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace Claims 1, 5 to 21 and 23 to 25 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for recovering copper from an alkaline etch bath from an etching process in which printed boards electroplated with copper are etched with the alkaline etch bath and then rinsed with water, copper being removed from the alkaline etch